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President's Page

Dear NAEbers:

Some people think of June as a vacation month, but I didn't find it so. Lots of things were happening. For example, NAEB held regional meetings in three areas -- V, VI, and IV.

It was my good fortune to attend meetings in Denver and San Francisco, while Skornia made the meeting in Minneapolis. The meetings arranged by Schwarzwalder and Adams, our regional directors, were exceedingly good. They had help, too, on the home grounds from Henry Mamet at Denver and from Dick Marsh in San Francisco.

The president had an opportunity to talk shop with all the NAEbers while attending the meeting, and obviously saw many an ol' friend. It was a wonderful feeling to note the intense interest in educational broadcasting, in the members' concern for the use of radio and television for education.

Incidentally, both Regions V and VI indicated that as of this time they did not wish to have their regions changed by action of the Board or convention. The decisions were reached by unanimous consent, if I recall correctly.

This being the case, the president does NOT now propose that any Regional Division changes be made by the Board of Directors, which was empowered to do so at the last convention.

This doesn't mean that changes can't be made, but chief concern originally came from the Region VI group. Even in two years, opinion has changed. To force a change upon any region is not the desire of the officers, I'm sure.

Let's say that at anytime the subject needs to be reviewed, we'll do it. Meanwhile, there would be no objection to have NAEbers within one state consider attachment and detachment from a particular region for special cause. If such wishes are expressed, certainly the Board will consider. Until that time comes along, let's drop the subject.

Region VI took another action, and I must say that the president shares the view expressed. It concerns meeting places for our annual convention. Region VI feels that two out of every three years the NAEB annual convention should be held in the heart of the USA, and that means around the Chicago area. Furthermore, when held out of the heart, Region VI members believe that said meetings should rotate from east to south to west to east, so that all sections of the country get a chance on "proximity" every third year. The proposal will be presented to the 1956 convention as an amendment to the by-laws. Region VI

also took up consideration of long-range support of NAEB activities by its members. Discussion on the needs for the future, in terms of financial support, was held although no formal action was taken. This subject, too, may be placed more formally before the 1956 convention.

There were two or three other places that your president got to during June. On the first day of the month, he was returning from Houston where he assisted Dr. John Schwarzwelder in commemorating the third anniversary of KUHT-TV.

In the latter part of the month, he attended a meeting of the Joint Council on Educational Television in Washington, and six days later was present for the special luncheon at which announcement of the first project using closed-circuit television throughout an entire public school system was made. The luncheon was sponsored by the Hagerstown, Maryland, Chamber of Commerce and was held in the Lincolnshire School of Hagerstown.

There's lots more to talk about if we just had time, but I imagine you're busy with your vacation, so I won't bore you. Meantime, have fun. Have a pleasant summer.

---Frank E. Schooley

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